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EXAMINER:

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FILING DATE:

July 3, 2001

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For:

Novel Proteins and Nucleic Acids Encoding Same

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND SUBMISSION OF THE PROCESSING AND RETENTION FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1)(iv)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicant hereby petitions for a five-month extension of time to respond to the October 30, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on May 30, 2002. Enclosed is check (#12922) in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the cost of the balance due by Applicants (including surcharge), and check (#12929) in the amount of \$1,960.00 to cover the cost of the extension due by Applicants.

Applicants also submit herewith the processing and retention fee in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(1)(iv). The present application was filed on July 3, 2001 with a specification including a description and claims and is therefore entitled to this filing date as set forth in 37 CFR §1.53(b). Enclosed is check (#12923) in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the cost of the processing and retention fee.

A continuation application claiming the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 is being filed an eneously.

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Although applicant believes no additional fees are due with this filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 15966-694 CIP2CON1). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed

Respectfully submitted,

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